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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MADRID

1. I HAVE SPOKEN TO THE KING ABOUT YOUR PLANNED VISIT TO MADRID, ARRIVING LATE SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, AND LEAVING FOR WASHINGTON ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25. THE KING SAID HE WAS DELIGHTED THAT YOU WOULD BE COMING AND LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING YOU. THE KING ASKED ME WHETHER IT WAS LIKELY THAT THE AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED WHILE YOU WERE HERE. I REPLIED THAT THIS SEEMED PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE OF THE VERY SHORT TIME BETWEEN NOW AND YOUR VISIT IN WHICH TO COMPLETE THE WORK. THE KING SAID THAT IN ANY EVENT HE WAS PLEASED THAT YOU WERE COMING AS IT WOULD DEMONSTRATE US SUPPORT FOR SPAIN AT THIS TIME.

2. I ALSO TOLD THE KING I WOULD BE SEEING FOREIGN MINISTER AREILZA THIS AFTERNOON AND IF HE HAD NO OBJECTION, I WOULD ALSO MENTION YOUR VISIT. THE KING BELIEVED I SHOULD MENTION IT TO AREILZA WHICH I SUBSEQUENTLY DID.

3. AREILZA ALSO EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT YOU WOULD BE COMING, BUT HE WAS EMPHATIC IN HIS HOPE THAT WE WOULD DO EVERYTHING WE POSSIBLY COULD TO TRY TO COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATIONS SO THAT THE AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED DURING YOUR VISIT. IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM, I AM REPORTING IN GREATER DETAIL MY CONVERSATION WITH AREILZA ON THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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TIATIONS. AREILZA ALSO TOLD ME HE WAS SENDING A LETTER

TO YOU BY AMBASSADOR ALBA WHO RETURNED TO WASHINGTON TODAY. THE LETTER MERELY REITERATES THE THREE POINTS WHICH AREILZA MADE TO YOU IN PARIS AND EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE TO THE KING, TO ARIAS AND TO HIMSELF THAT THE AGREEMENT BE CONCLUDED AND SIGNED WITH THIS MONTH.

4. I TOLD AREILZA THAT THERE WERE DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH TRYING TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS THIS MONTH, PARTICULARLY SINCE WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE SPANISH COUNTERDRAFTS OF THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENTS. HOWEVER, I PROMISED THAT I WOULD INFORM YOU OF HIS STRONG HOPES THAT WE COULD CONCLUDE BY THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT.

5. AREILZA INQUIRED WHETHER YOU WOULD ARRIVE IN MADRID ON THE 24TH IN TIME FOR DINNER AND WHETHER YOU COULD REMAIN IN MADRID THROUGH THE LUNCH HOUR ON SUNDAY, THE 25TH. I SHOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION OF THIS.
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